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Soviet Spy Born in England

Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, the Soviet master spy whose impeccable English and intimate knowledge of Western ways

permitted him to melt into American life for almost nine years, had an invaluable asset: He was born and raised in England.

Abel, who at one time or another used such aliases as Andrew Kayotis, Emil Goldfus, Martin Collins, was born William Fisher on July 11, 1903.

The new information about Abel's origin and early years came to light after some Western newsmen stumbled upon his grave marker in a Moscow cemetery a few days ago.

His white marble tombstone carries two names, engraved and painted in gold: "Fisher, William Genrykovich-Abel, Rudolf Ivanovich." It also says he was born July 11, 1903, and died Nov. 15, 1971.

Abel was arrested for espionage in 1957, tried and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He was returned to Russia in 1962, in exchange for U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, went into semireirement and died of lung cancer in the fall of 1971.—AP